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STAN LEE PRESENTS
DAWN OF BLOOD
STARRING THE UNCANNY X-MEN
DAZZLER, HONEY-CHILE, AH JUST LOVE...
... YOUR GIFT FOR UNDER-STATEMENT!
SKDAM!
CRIPES-- THEY GOT SUPER-POWERS!
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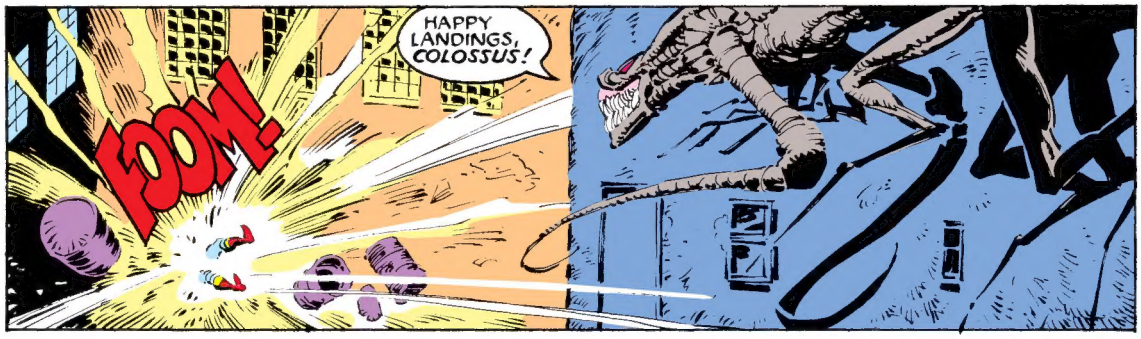
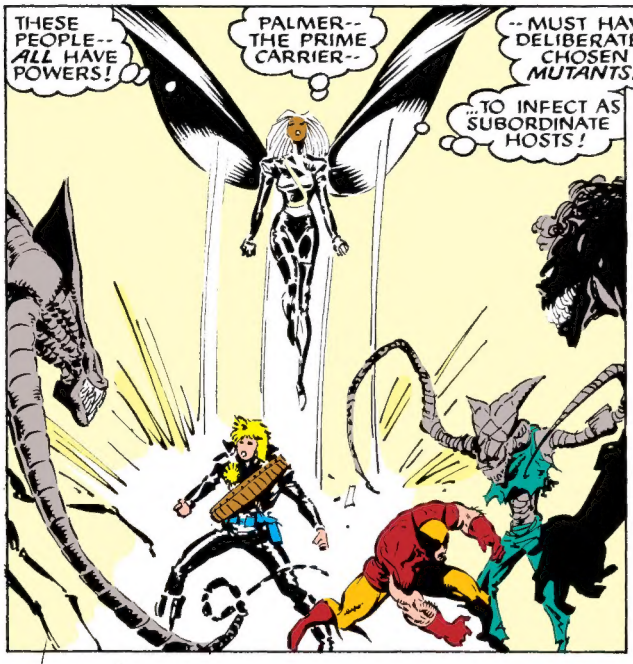
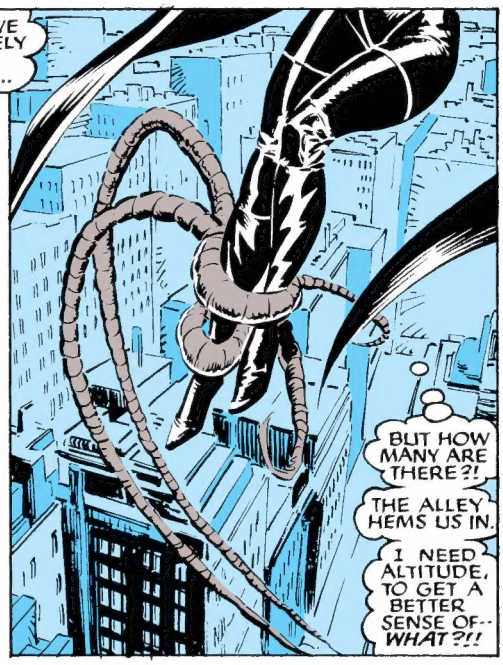
LOOK OUT!
OF COURSE, X-MEN-- THEY'RE MUTANTS, JUST LIKE YOU!
WHY ELSE D'YOU THINK HARRY PALMER CHOSE THEM...
... TO BE THE BROOD'S VANGUARD ON EARTH?!
WE DEFEATED YOUR KIND BEFORE, MONSTER--!
KRAK
TIMES CHANGE, BUNKIE.
NEW PLAYERS, WHOLE NEW BALL GAME.
BY THE BYE-- THE NAME'S BRICKBAT--
--'CAUSE I HIT LIKE ONE!
KRAKOW!


FOOM!
HAPPY LANDINGS, COLOSSUS!

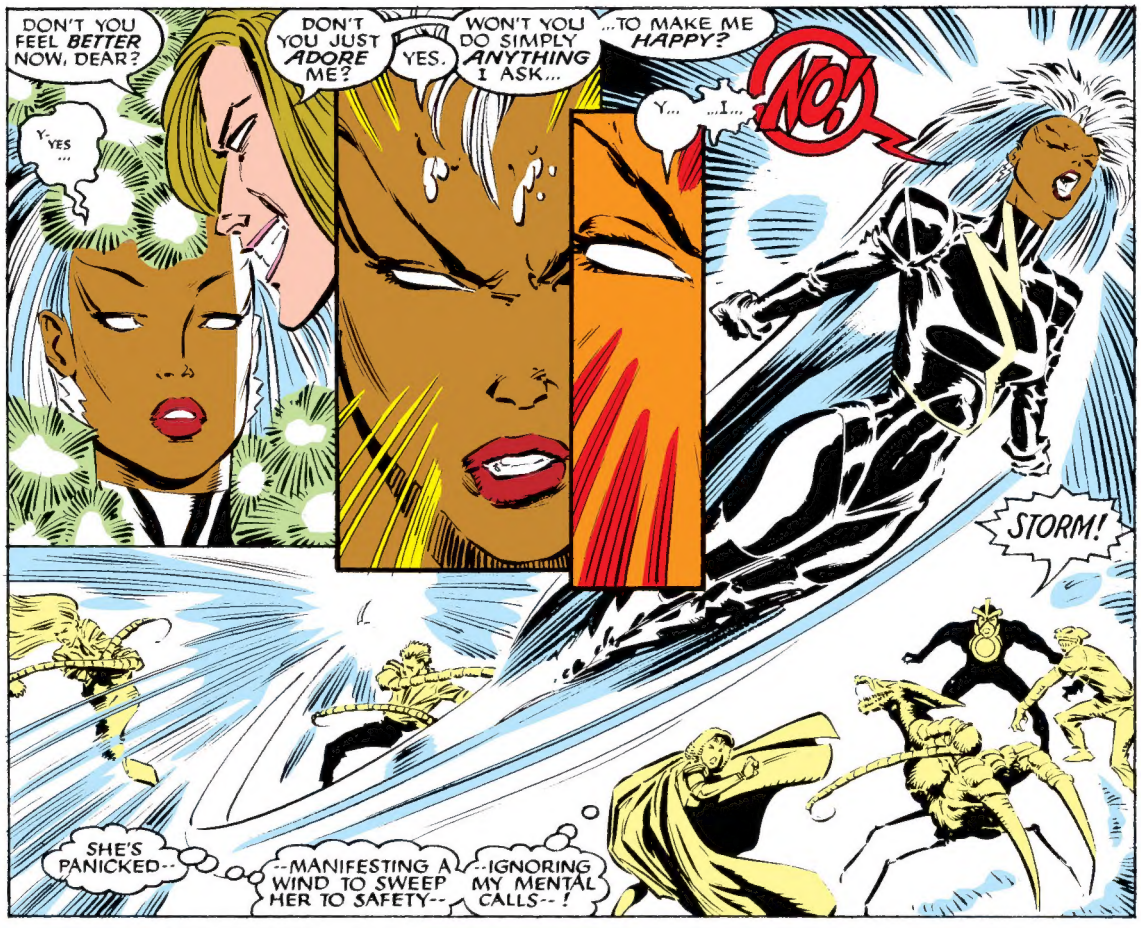

THESE PEOPLE-- ALL HAVE POWERS!
PALMER-- THE PRIME CARRIER--
--MUST HAVE DELIBERATELY CHOSEN MUTANTS...
...TO INFECT AS SUBORDINATE HOSTS!


BUT HOW MANY ARE THERE?!
THE ALLEY HEMS US IN.
I NEED ALTITUDE, TO GET A BETTER SENSE OF-- WHAT?!!

SURPRISE, SWEETHEART!
TENSION'S THE NAME!
ONCE I GRAB YOU--NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY TO PULL AWAY--
--I'LL ALWAYS BRING YOU BACK!
WHOMP!

OVER TO YOU, TEMPTRESS!
WHY, TENSION, ISN'T THAT THE MOST GENTLEMANLY THING TO DO.
POOR THING, SHE LOOKS SO CONFUSED.

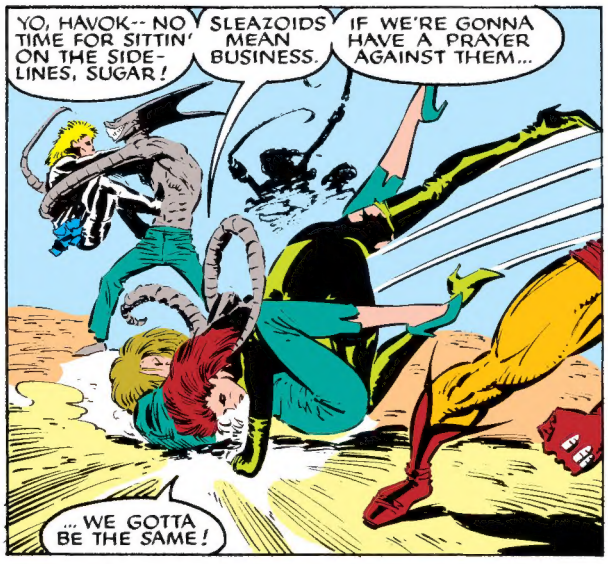
BUT I HAVE THE PERFECT SOLUTION.
BREATHE DEEP, STORM.
FLOOD YOUR SYSTEM WITH MY PHEROMONES.

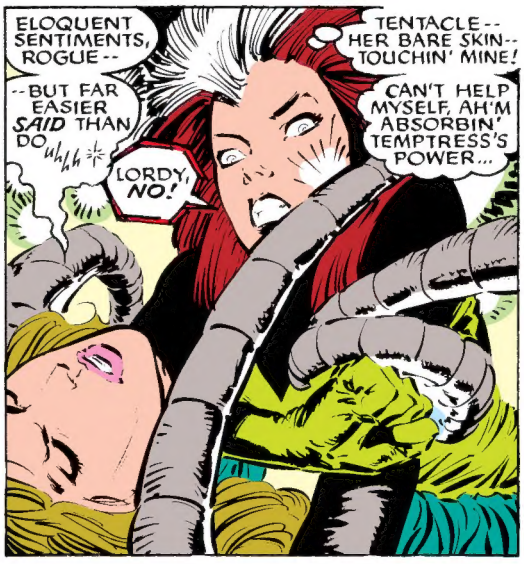

DON'T YOU FEEL BETTER NOW, DEAR?
Y-YES ...
DON'T YOU JUST ADORE ME?
YES.
WON'T YOU DO SIMPLY ANYTHING I ASK...
...TO MAKE ME HAPPY?
Y... ...I...
NO!
STORM!
SHE'S PANICKED--
--MANIFESTING A WIND TO SWEEP HER TO SAFETY--
--IGNORING MY MENTAL CALLS--!

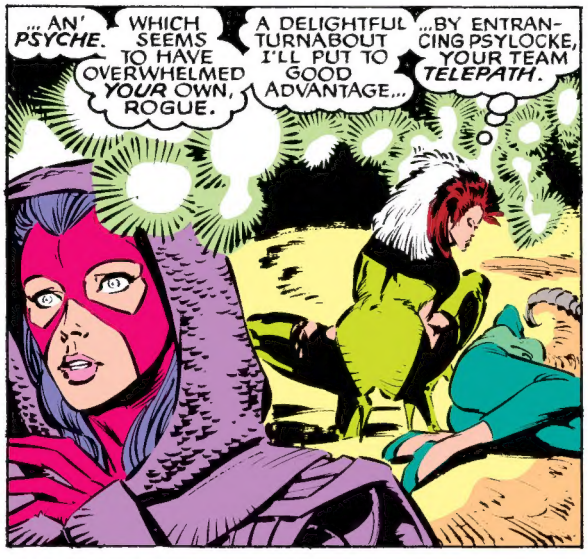
THE WIND WITCH MAY RUN--
--BUT SHE CAN'T ESCAPE!
HOLY COW--
--WINGS!?!
DIVE-BOMBER'LL SEE TO THAT.

I'VE GOT A CLEAR SHOT AT HIM!
BUT-- MY PLASMA BEAM IS TOO POWERFUL.
IF I USE IT ON A HUMAN BEING...

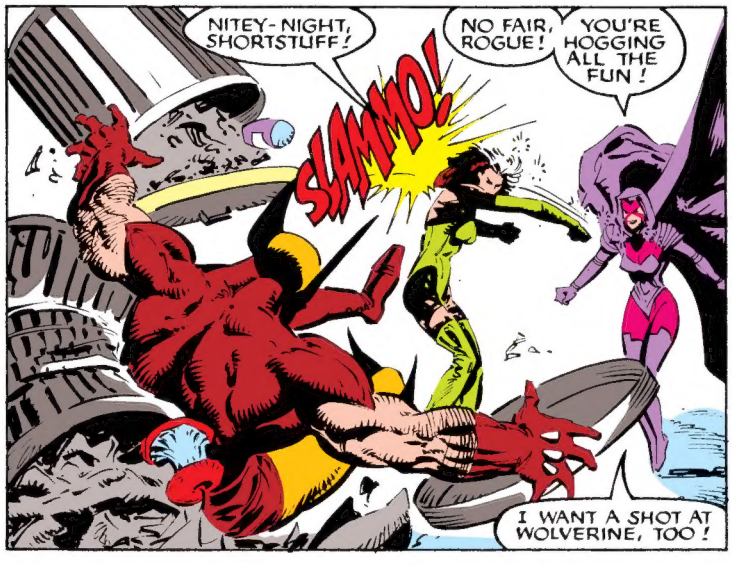
...I'LL KILL HIM.


YO, HAVOK-- NO TIME FOR SITTIN' ON THE SIDE-LINES, SUGAR!
SLEAZOIDS MEAN BUSINESS.
IF WE'RE GONNA HAVE A PRAYER AGAINST THEM...
...WE GOTTA BE THE SAME!


ELOQUENT SENTIMENTS, ROGUE--
--BUT FAR EASIER SAID THAN DO...
LORDY, NO!
TENTACLE-- HER BARE SKIN-- TOUCHIN' MINE!
CAN'T HELP MYSELF, AH'M ABSORBIN' TEMPTRESS'S POWER...


...AN' PSYCHE.
WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE OVERWHELMED YOUR OWN, ROGUE.
A DELIGHTFUL TURNABOUT I'LL PUT TO GOOD ADVANTAGE...
...BY ENTRAN-CING PSYLOCKE, YOUR TEAM TELEPATH.

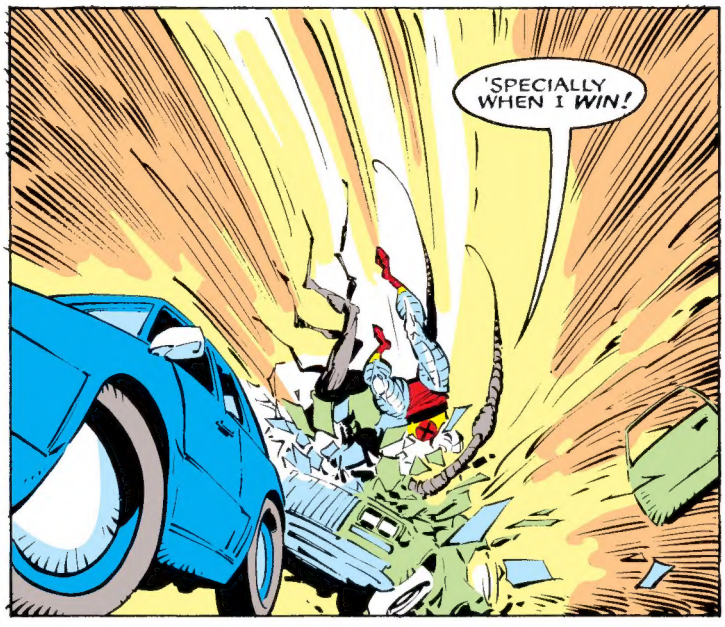
AND THEN, DEALING WITH...
...YOUR DEADLIEST TEAMMATE.
WHA--?!
TAP
TAP
TAP


NITEY-NIGHT, SHORTSTUFF!
NO FAIR, ROGUE!
YOU'RE HOGGING ALL THE FUN!
SLAMMO!
I WANT A SHOT AT WOLVERINE, TOO!

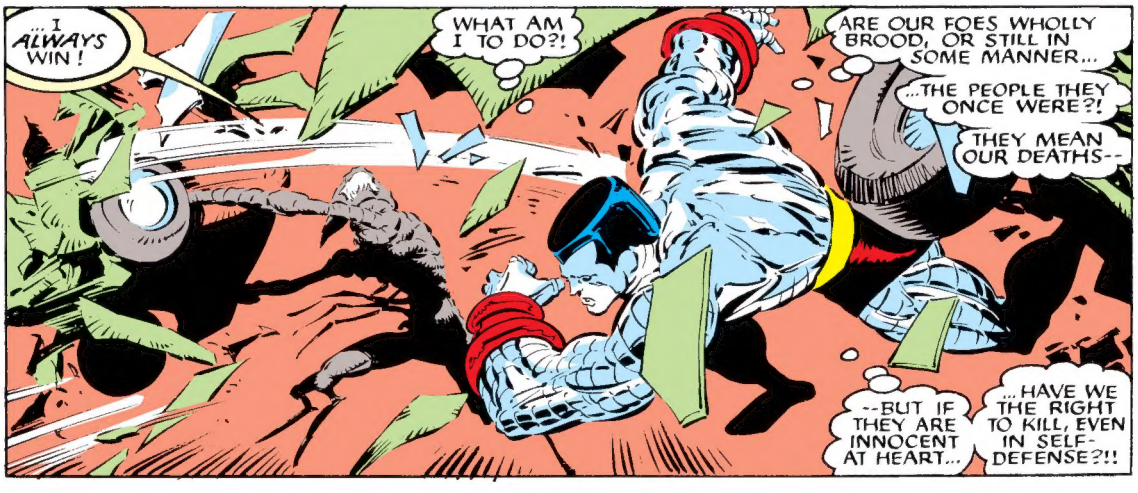
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, PSYLOCKE.
SHOOT-- THEY'RE BOTH OF 'EM SWITCHED SIDES.
HOW THE BLAZES DO I FIGHT 'EM...
...WITHOUT DOIN' REAL HARM?!

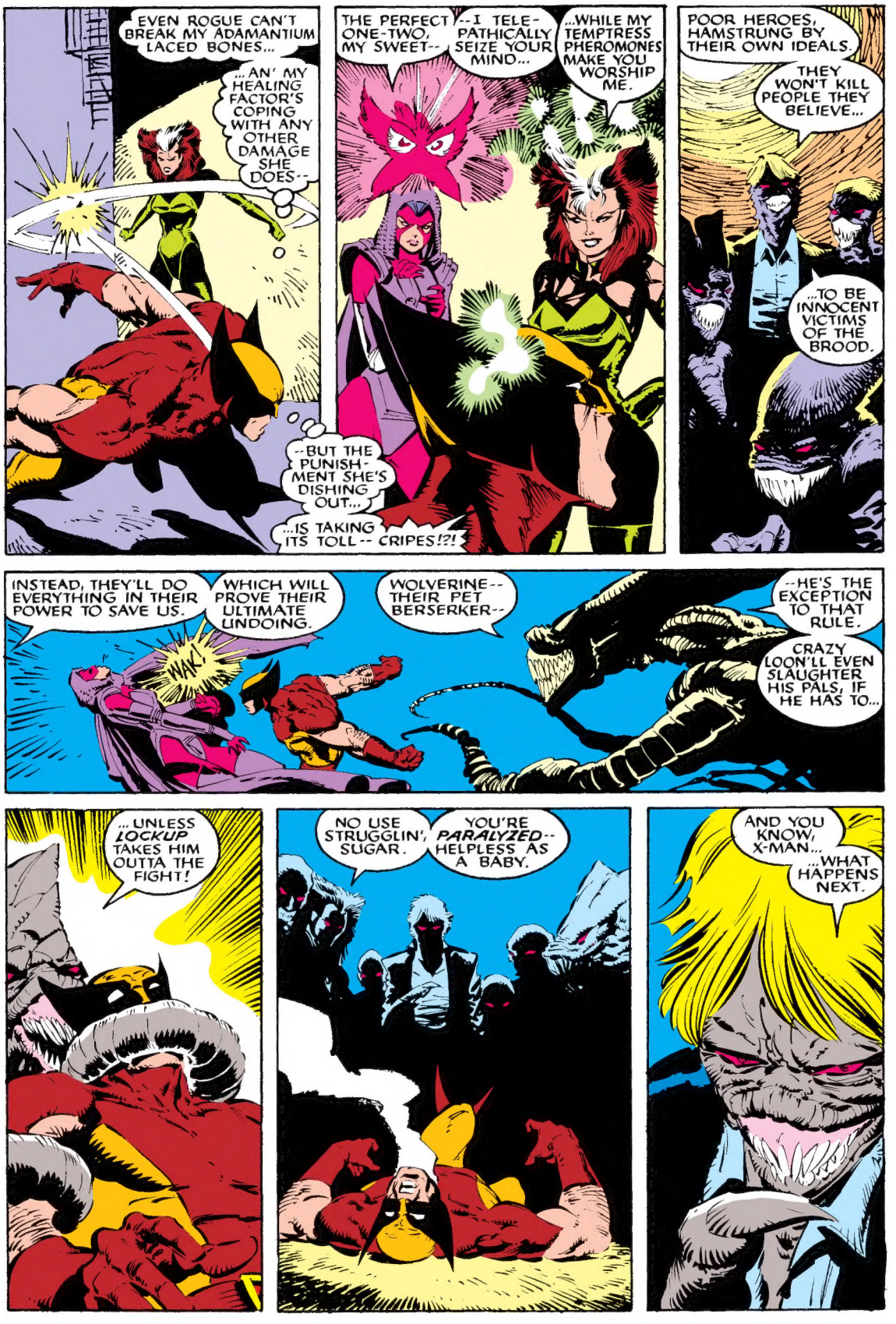
UNFORTUNATELY, WOLVERINE ISN'T THE ONLY X-MAN ASKING THAT ANGUISHED QUESTION...
WHAM
BAM
CRUNCH
SLAM
BASH
THUD
POW
KRAK

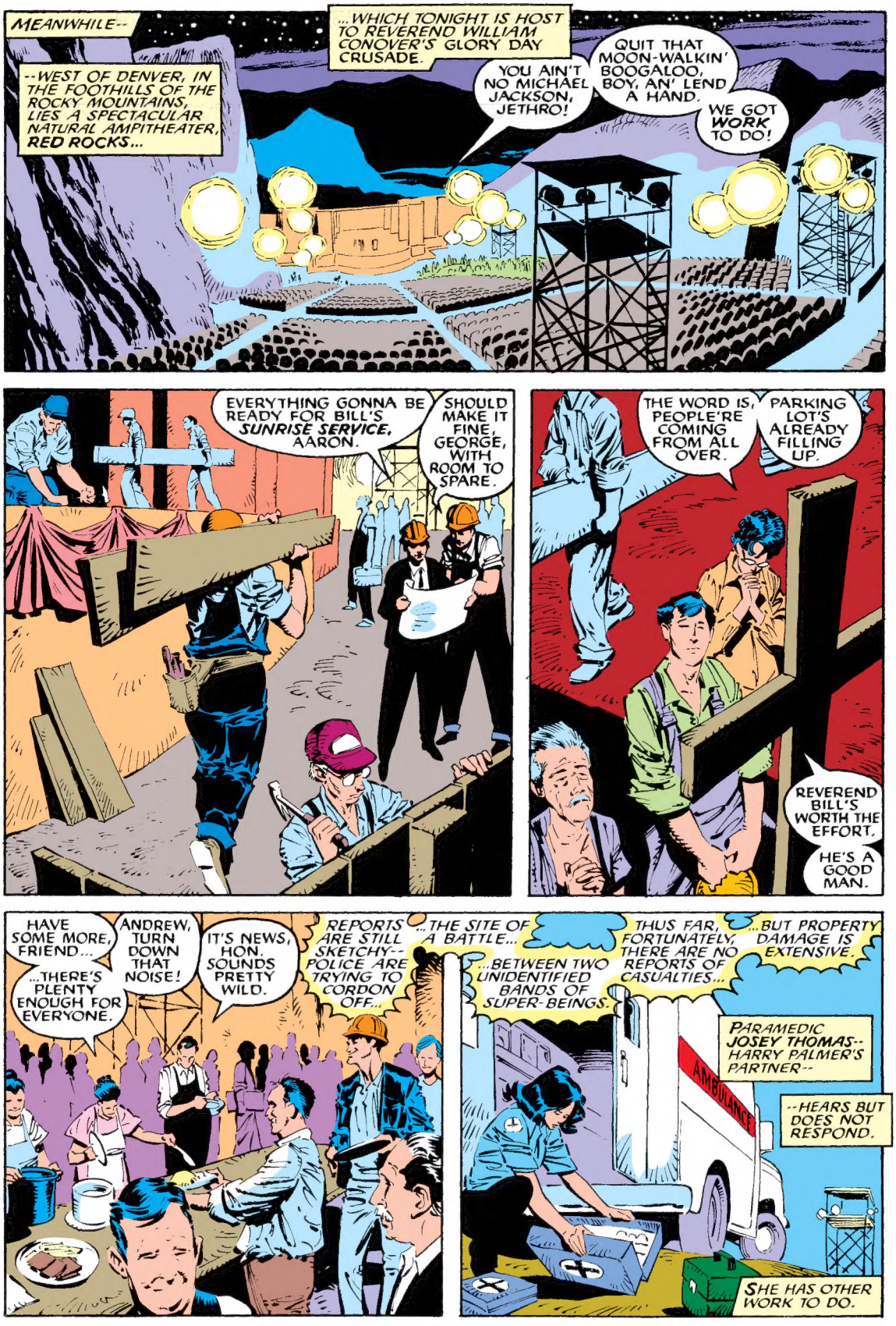
I AM NOT SO EASILY BEATEN, BRICKBAT!
SUITS ME, SHINY.
I LOVE A GOOD FIGHT!


'SPECIALLY WHEN I WIN!

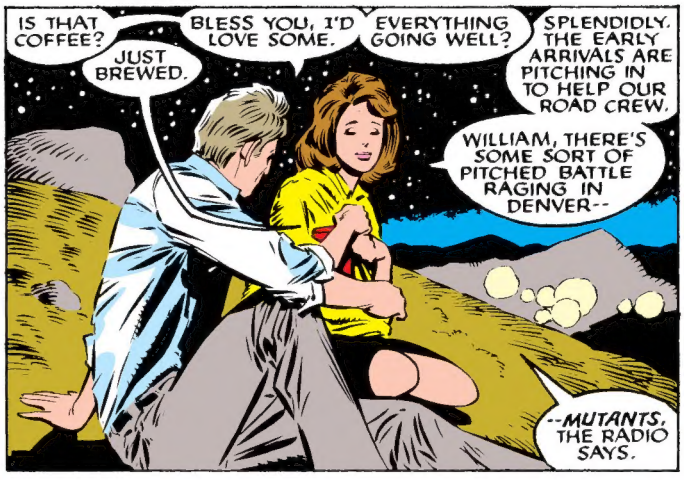
AN', IN ALL FAIRNESS, BIG GUY...
... I SHOULD TELL YOU...


... I ALWAYS WIN!
WHAT AM I TO DO?!
ARE OUR FOES WHOLLY BROOD, OR STILL IN SOME MANNER...
...THE PEOPLE THEY ONCE WERE?!
THEY MEAN OUR DEATHS--
--BUT IF THEY ARE INNOCENT AT HEART...
...HAVE WE THE RIGHT TO KILL, EVEN IN SELF-DEFENSE?!!

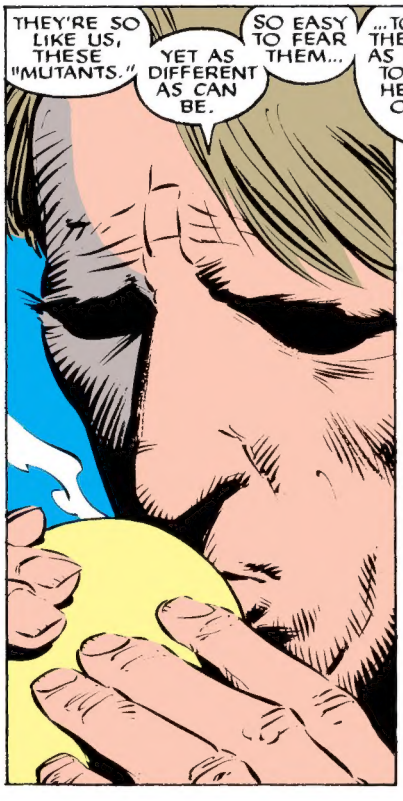

EVEN ROGUE CAN'T BREAK MY ADAMANTIUM LACED BONES...
...AN' MY HEALING FACTOR'S COPING WITH ANY OTHER DAMAGE SHE DOES--
--BUT THE PUNISH-MENT SHE'S DISHING OUT...
...IS TAKING ITS TOLL-- CRIPES!?!
THE PERFECT ONE-TWO, MY SWEET--
--I TELE-PATHICALLY SEIZE YOUR MIND...
...WHILE MY TEMPTRESS PHEROMONES MAKE YOU WORSHIP ME.
POOR HEROES, HAMSTRUNG BY THEIR OWN IDEALS.
THEY WON'T KILL PEOPLE THEY BELIEVE...
...TO BE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THE BROOD.
INSTEAD, THEY'LL DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO SAVE US.
WHICH WILL PROVE THEIR ULTIMATE UNDOING.
WAK!
WOLVERINE-- THEIR PET BERSERKER--
--HE'S THE EXCEPTION TO THAT RULE.
CRAZY LOON'LL EVEN SLAUGHTER HIS PALS, IF HE HAS TO...
... UNLESS LOCKUP TAKES HIM OUTTA THE FIGHT!
NO USE STRUGGLIN', SUGAR.
YOU'RE PARALYZED-- HELPLESS AS A BABY.
AND YOU KNOW, X-MAN...
...WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.


MEANWHILE--
--WEST OF DENVER, IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, LIES A SPECTACULAR NATURAL AMPITHEATER, RED ROCKS...
...WHICH TONIGHT IS HOST TO REVEREND WILLIAM CONOVER'S GLORY DAY CRUSADE.
YOU AIN'T NO MICHAEL JACKSON, JETHRO!
QUIT THAT MOON-WALKIN' BOOGALOO, BOY, AN' LEND A HAND.
WE GOT WORK TO DO!
EVERYTHING GONNA BE READY FOR BILL'S SUNRISE SERVICE, AARON.
SHOULD MAKE IT FINE, GEORGE, WITH ROOM TO SPARE.
THE WORD IS, PEOPLE'RE COMING FROM ALL OVER.
PARKING LOT'S ALREADY FILLING UP.
REVEREND BILL'S WORTH THE EFFORT.
HE'S A GOOD MAN.
HAVE SOME MORE, FRIEND...
...THERE'S PLENTY ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE.
ANDREW, TURN DOWN THAT NOISE!
IT'S NEWS, HON. SOUNDS PRETTY WILD.
REPORTS ARE STILL SKETCHY--POLICE ARE TRYING TO CORDON OFF...
...THE SITE OF A BATTLE...
...BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED BANDS OF SUPER-BEINGS.
THUS FAR, FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES...
...BUT PROPERTY DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE.
PARAMEDIC JOSEY THOMAS--HARRY PALMER'S PARTNER--
--HEARS BUT DOES NOT RESPOND.
AMBULANCE
SHE HAS OTHER WORK TO DO.

WILLIAM?
UP HERE!
OF COURSE, WHERE ELSE WOULD I FIND YOU THE NIGHT BEFORE A SERVICE...
... BUT OUT UNDER THE STARS...
... GAZING UP AT GOD'S HANDIWORK, THE CELESTIAL VAULT OF HEAVEN.
NEVER FAILS TO TAKE MY BREATH AWAY, HANNAH...
...OR RESTORE MY SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE...
...ABOUT MAN'S TRUE PLACE IN THE FIRMAMENT.


IS THAT COFFEE?
JUST BREWED.
BLESS YOU, I'D LOVE SOME.
EVERYTHING GOING WELL?
SPLENDIDLY. THE EARLY ARRIVALS ARE PITCHING IN TO HELP OUR ROAD CREW.
WILLIAM, THERE'S SOME SORT OF PITCHED BATTLE RAGING IN DENVER--
--MUTANTS, THE RADIO SAYS.

MIGHT AS WELL SAY BLACKS OR MIDGETS OR WOMEN... OR MARTIANS--
--THE ACCUSATION WOULD MAKE AS MUCH SENSE.
I CAN POUR, HANNAH.
SO CAN I, WILLIAM, STILL.
IT'S MY PLEASURE.


THEY'RE SO LIKE US, THESE "MUTANTS."
YET AS DIFFERENT AS CAN BE.
SO EASY TO FEAR THEM...
...TO THINK OF THEM SOLELY AS A THREAT TO HUMAN HEGEMONY OVER THE EARTH.

NO MORE, I SUSPECT, THAN CHILDREN ARE TO THEIR PARENTS.
AREN'T THEY?
YOU LOVE THEM WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG AND GROWING--
--YOU MARVEL AT THE WONDER OF THEIR EXISTENCE--
--UNTIL YOU START TO REALIZE, THEY'RE YOUNG AND YOU'RE NOT.
THEY'LL SEE AND EXPERIENCE THINGS YOU NEVER WILL.

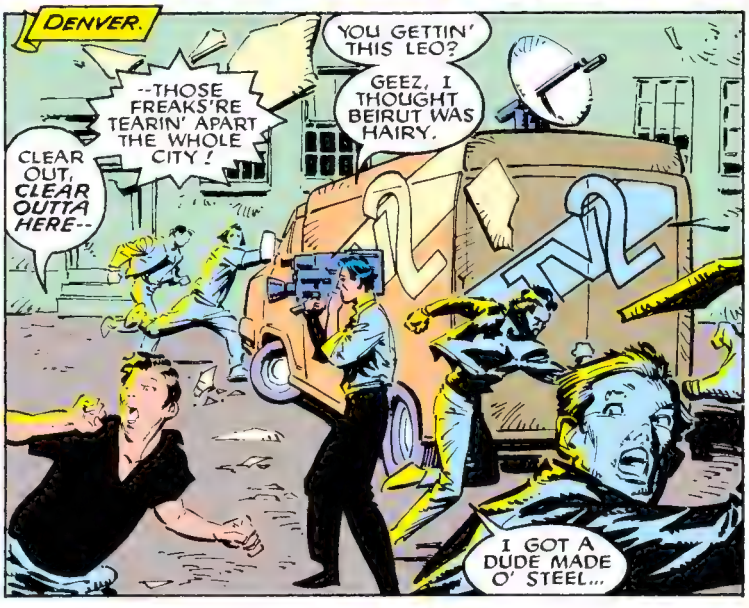
THEY'RE THE FUTURE-- AND SUDDENLY, YOU'RE THE PAST.
IT HURTS. YOU RESENT IT. RESENT THEM.
AND THE LOVE ISN'T QUITE SO ABSOLUTE ANYMORE.
AND FOR A FEW, SADLY, IT TURNS TO SOMETHING ELSE.

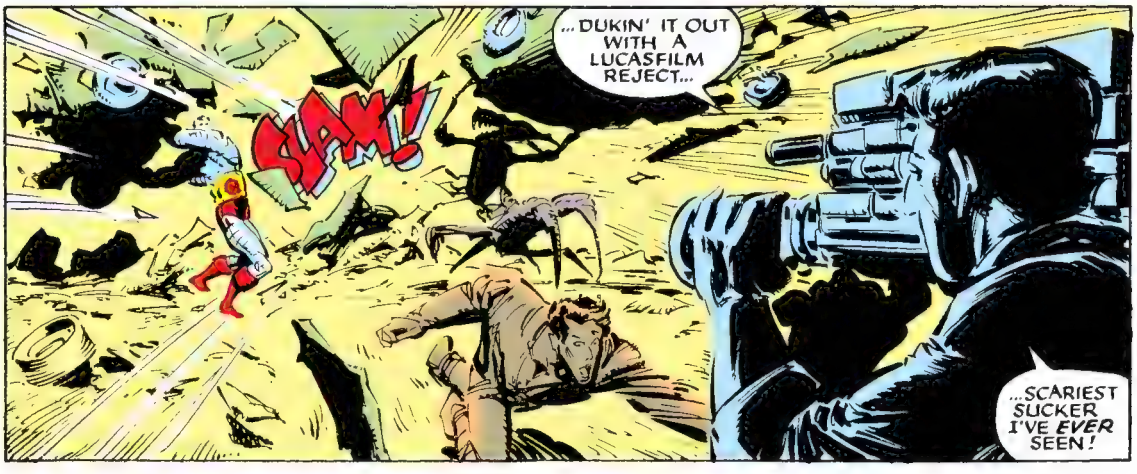
SOMETIMES...
...I WISH I WAS ONE--
--A MUTANT, I MEAN--
--WITH THE POWER TO WIPE THE ARTHRITIS FROM YOU.

ALL THOSE PEOPLE, THEY BELIEVE I'M SOMETHING SPECIAL BECAUSE I PREACH THE GOSPEL--
--BUT HOW SPECIAL, HOW BLESSED CAN I TRULY BE...

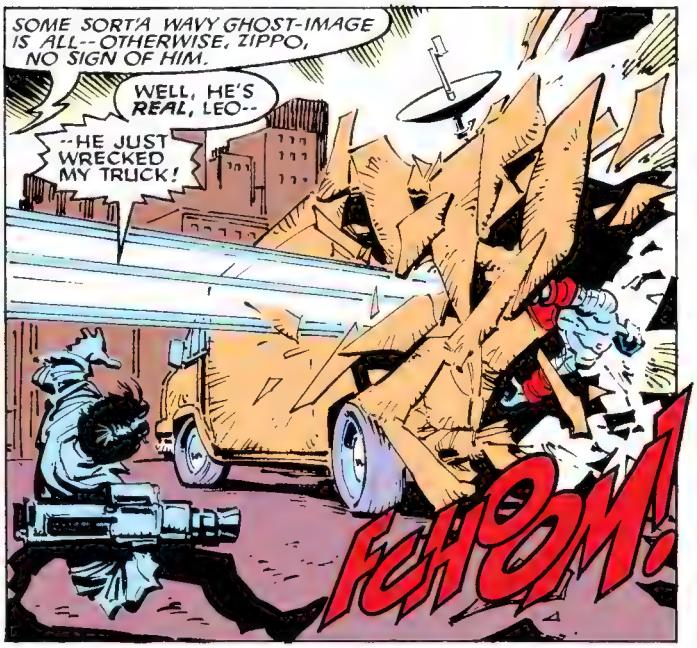
...IF ALL MY WORDS AND PRAYERS AND FAITH CAN'T DO A THING...
...TO EASE THE SUFFERING OF THE WOMAN I LOVE?

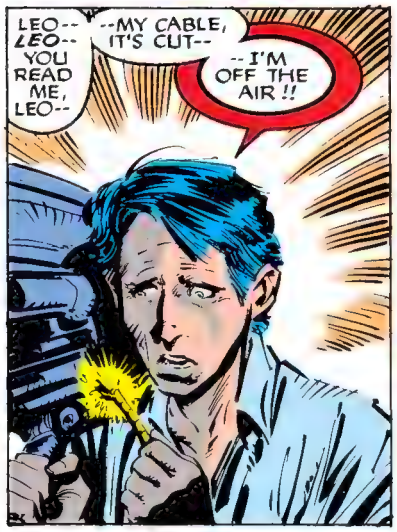
SILLY MAN-- BY ASKING THAT QUESTION...
...YOU'VE ANSWERED THE OTHER.
WHICH IS WHY I LOVE YOU...
...AND WHY THE REST DOESN'T MATTER.

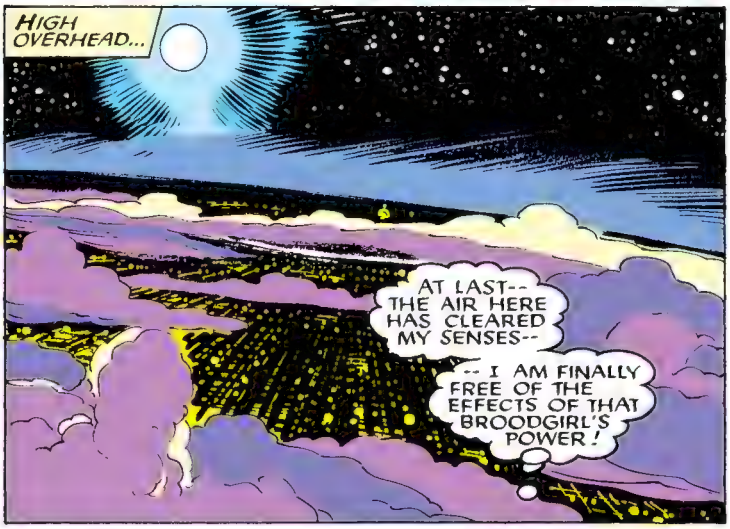

DENVER.
YOU GETTIN' THIS LEO?
GEEZ, I THOUGHT BEIRUT WAS HAIRY.
--THOSE FREAKS'RE TEARIN' APART THE WHOLE CITY!
CLEAR OUT, CLEAR OUTTA HERE--
I GOT A DUDE MADE O' STEEL...


SLAM!
...DUKIN' IT OUT WITH A LUCASFILM REJECT...
...SCARIEST SUCKER I'VE EVER SEEN!

WE CAN SEE THE BUG-CRITTER, RUDY--
--YOU'RE RIGHT, WHAT A FACE ON THAT THING--
--WHERE'S THE OTHER GUY?
RIGHT BESIDE HIM, THEY'RE TOE-TO-TOE!
NOT ON MY MONITOR, PAL.


SOME SORT'A WAVY GHOST-IMAGE IS ALL--OTHERWISE, ZIPPO, NO SIGN OF HIM.
WELL, HE'S REAL, LEO--
--HE JUST WRECKED MY TRUCK!
FCHOM!


LEO--LEO--YOU READ ME, LEO--
--MY CABLE, IT'S CUT--
-- I'M OFF THE AIR!!


HIGH OVERHEAD...
AT LAST--THE AIR HERE HAS CLEARED MY SENSES--
-- I AM FINALLY FREE OF THE EFFECTS OF THAT BROODGIRL'S POWER!

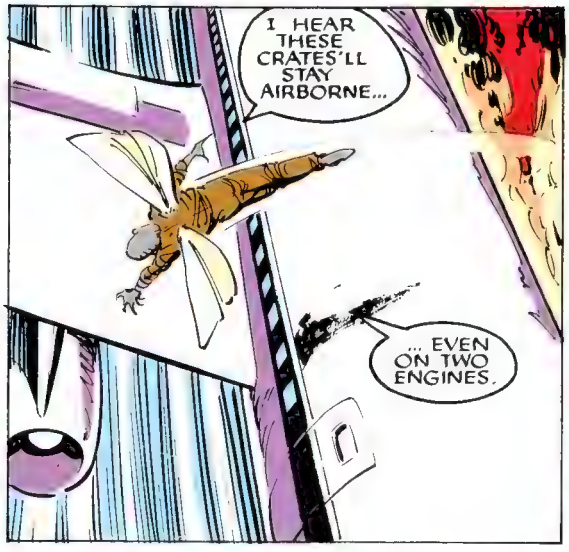
UNFORTUNATELY...
...ONE THREAT HAS BEEN REPLACED...
...BY ANOTHER.
WHOSE SPEED AND AGILITY ARE A MATCH FOR MINE.
WORSE, HE SEEMS IMMUNE TO MY LIGHTNING.
THE BOLTS I HURLED HAVE NO EFFECT.

PLAY "TOP GUN" ALL YOU LIKE, BABE.
THIS IS GONNA END ONE OF TWO WAYS:
...WITH YOU DEAD...
...OR ONE OF US!
YOU MUST CATCH ME FIRST, BROOD!

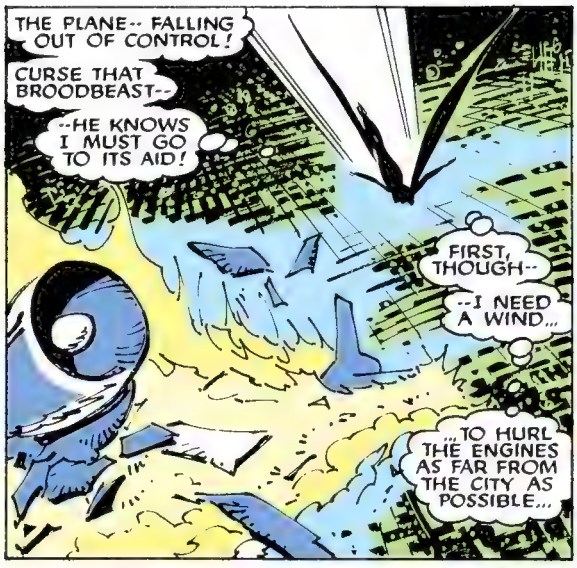
NO PROBLEM.

YOU'LL WALTZ RIGHT INTO MY ARMS, SWEETIE...

...GIVEN THE RIGHT INCENTIVE.
NO!
RAKOW!


I HEAR THESE CRATES'LL STAY AIRBORNE...
... EVEN ON TWO ENGINES.

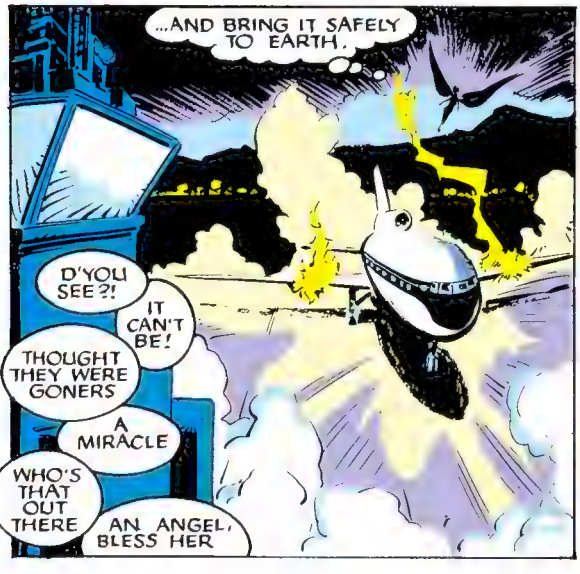
LET'S SEE HOW IT'LL DO...
...WITH ONLY ONE!


THE PLANE-- FALLING OUT OF CONTROL!
CURSE THAT BROODBEAST--
--HE KNOWS I MUST GO TO ITS AID!
FIRST, THOUGH--
--I NEED A WIND...
...TO HURL THE ENGINES AS FAR FROM THE CITY AS POSSIBLE...

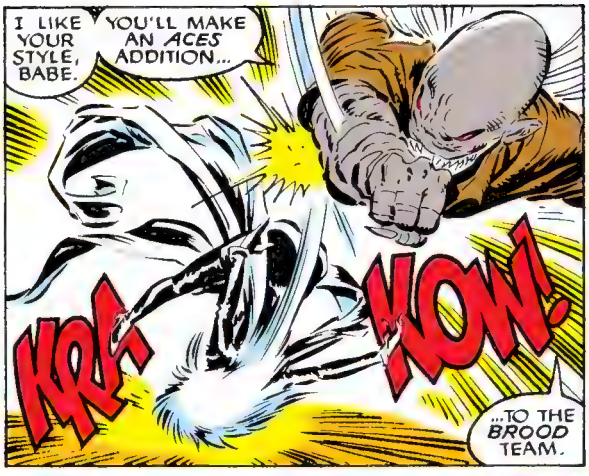
"...TO LESSEN THE RISK TO ANYONE BELOW."
STAPLETON TOWER-- TWA 843-- MAYDAY, MAYDAY!
RICK-- FULL POWER, NUMBER THREE--
--AND HAUL ON THAT YOKE, HARD AS YOU CAN--
--WE GOTTA BRING HER NOSE UP!
CAPTAIN, SHE'S NOT RESPONDING!

I WISH I POSSESSED WOLVERINE'S CLAWS, MONSTER--
KTHOW!
--SO I COULD DEAL WITH YOU AS YOU DESERVE...
...PERMANENTLY!

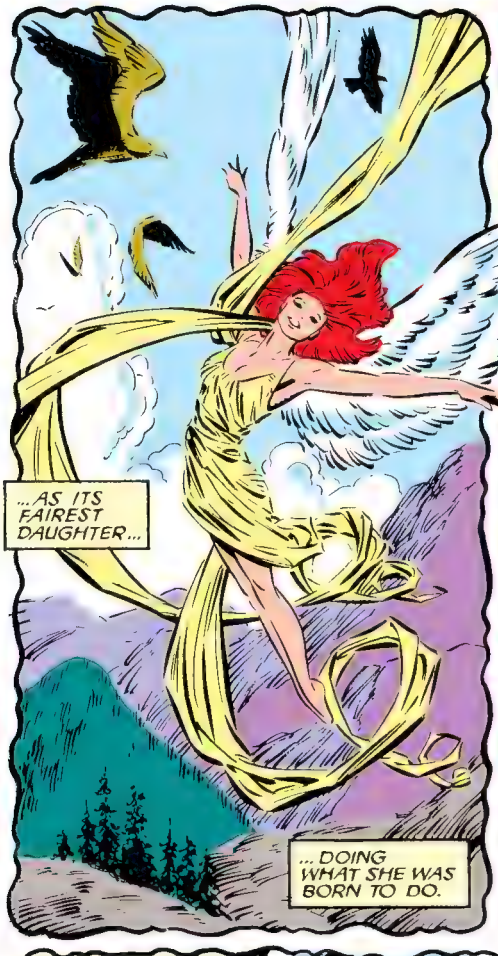
I HAVE TO FINISH THIS...
...BEFORE HE RECOVERS.
AIRCRAFT SO CLOSE TO THE GROUND--
--ALMOST NO TIME...
...TO FOCUS AN UPDRAFT...
...TO COUNTER ITS FALL...

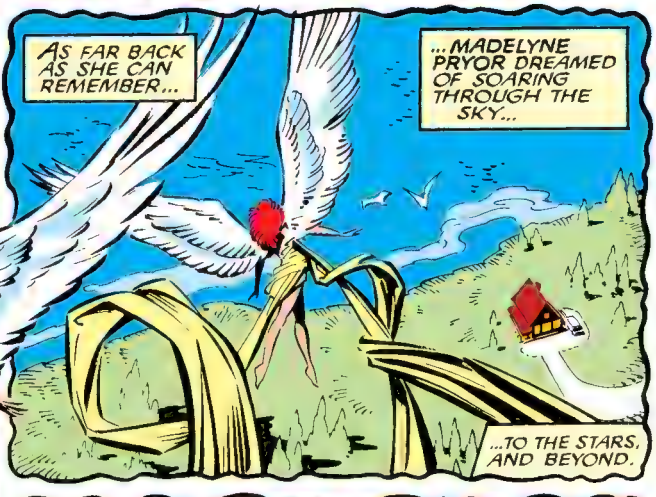

...AND BRING IT SAFELY TO EARTH.
D'YOU SEE?!
IT CAN'T BE!
THOUGHT THEY WERE GONERS
A MIRACLE
WHO'S THAT OUT THERE
AN ANGEL, BLESS HER

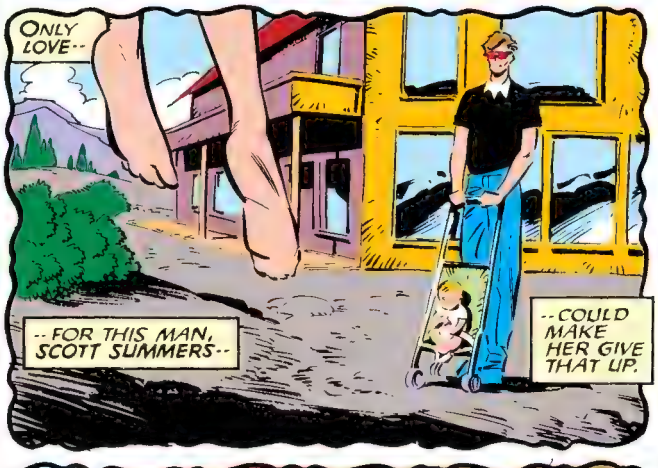
THE PASSENGERS ARE OFF...
...THE FIRE IS OUT--
--MY WORK IS DONE.

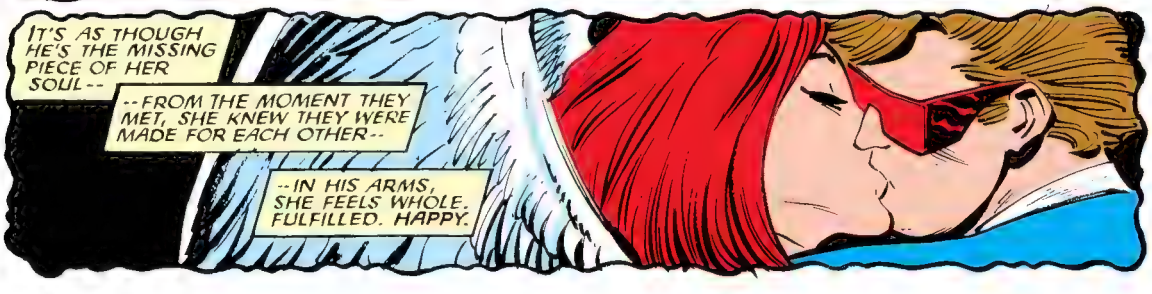

I LIKE YOUR STYLE, BABE.
YOU'LL MAKE AN ACES ADDITION...
KRA-
KOW!
...TO THE BROOD TEAM.

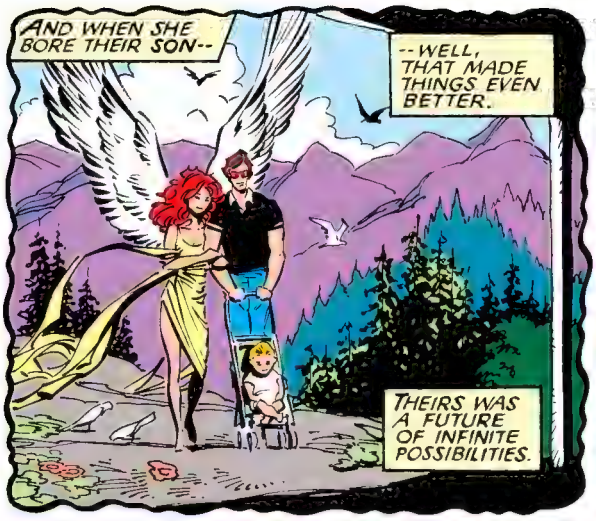
GOD'S COUNTRY--
--AS WILD AND FREE AND ELEMENTALLY BEAUTIFUL...

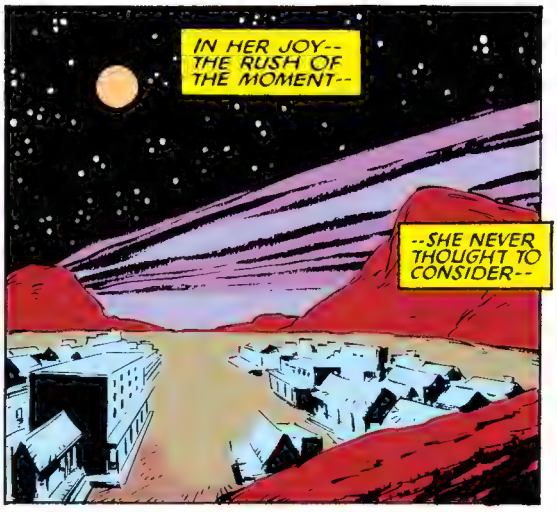

...AS ITS FAIREST DAUGHTER...
... DOING WHAT SHE WAS BORN TO DO.

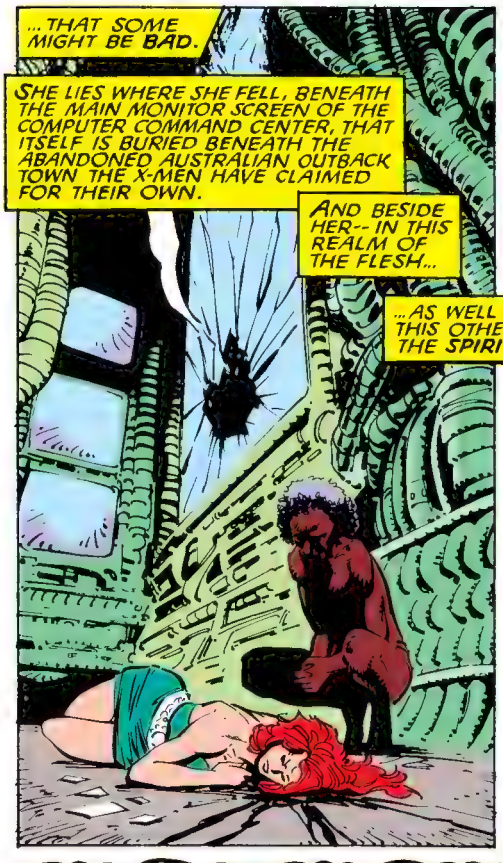

AS FAR BACK AS SHE CAN REMEMBER...
...MADELYNE PRYOR DREAMED OF SOARING THROUGH THE SKY...
...TO THE STARS, AND BEYOND.

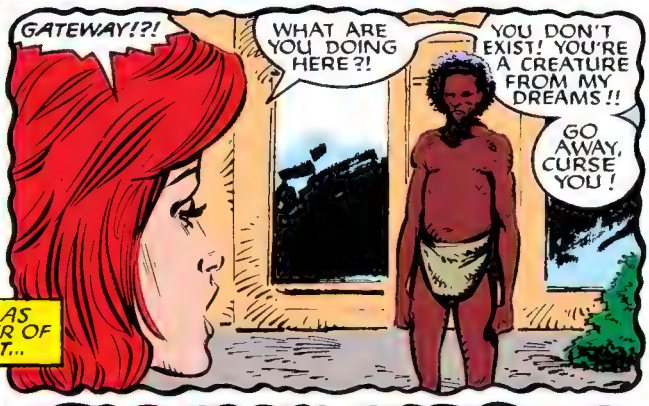

ONLY LOVE--
-- FOR THIS MAN, SCOTT SUMMERS--
--COULD MAKE HER GIVE THAT UP.

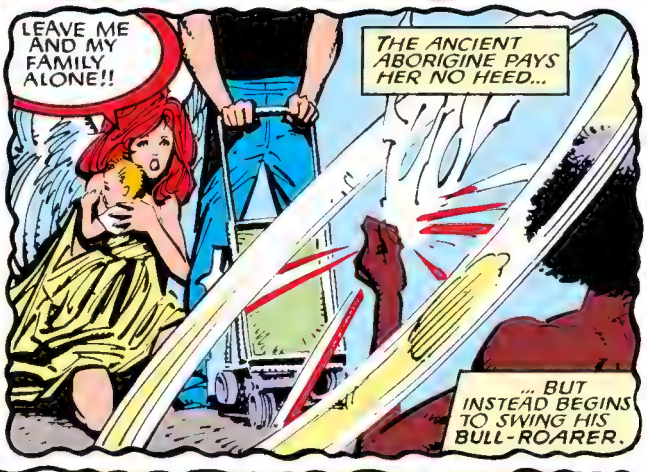

IT'S AS THOUGH HE'S THE MISSING PIECE OF HER SOUL--
--FROM THE MOMENT THEY MET, SHE KNEW THEY WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER--
--IN HIS ARMS, SHE FEELS WHOLE. FULFILLED. HAPPY.


AND WHEN SHE BORE THEIR SON--
--WELL, THAT MADE THINGS EVEN BETTER.
THEIRS WAS A FUTURE OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.


IN HER JOY-- THE RUSH OF THE MOMENT--
--SHE NEVER THOUGHT TO CONSIDER--

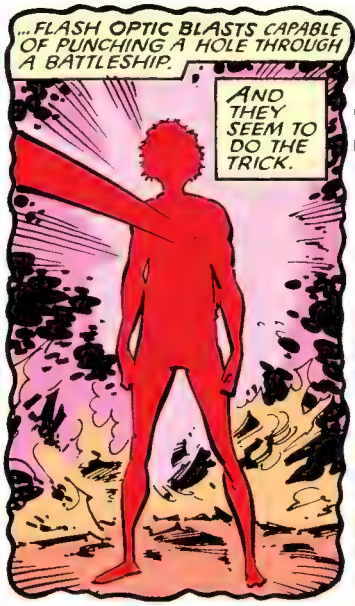

...THAT SOME MIGHT BE BAD.
SHE LIES WHERE SHE FELL, BENEATH THE MAIN MONITOR SCREEN OF THE COMPUTER COMMAND CENTER, THAT ITSELF IS BURIED BENEATH THE ABANDONED AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK TOWN THE X-MEN HAVE CLAIMED FOR THEIR OWN.
AND BESIDE HER-- IN THIS REALM OF THE FLESH...
...AS WELL AS THIS OTHER OF THE SPIRIT...


GATEWAY!?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
YOU DON'T EXIST! YOU'RE A CREATURE FROM MY DREAMS!!
GO AWAY, CURSE YOU!

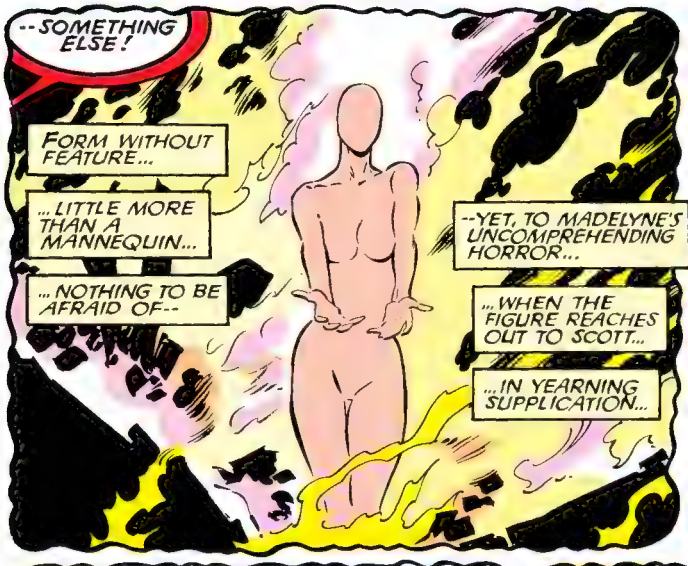

LEAVE ME AND MY FAMILY ALONE!!
THE ANCIENT ABORIGINE PAYS HER NO HEED...
... BUT INSTEAD BEGINS TO SWING HIS BULL-ROARER.

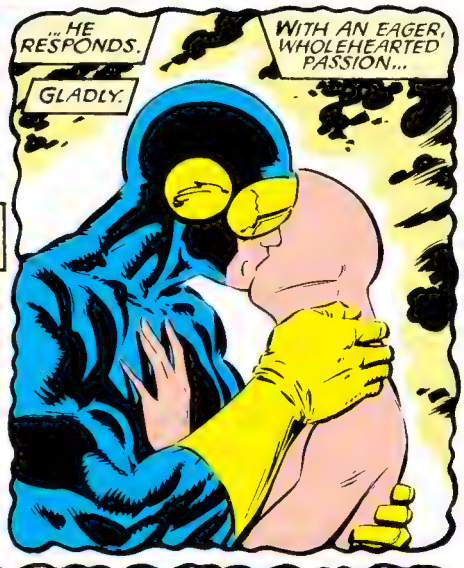
IN OUR WAKING REALITY, THIS OPENS A TELEPORTAL GATEWAY.
SKBOOM!
HERE, IT HAS OTHER ABILITIES.

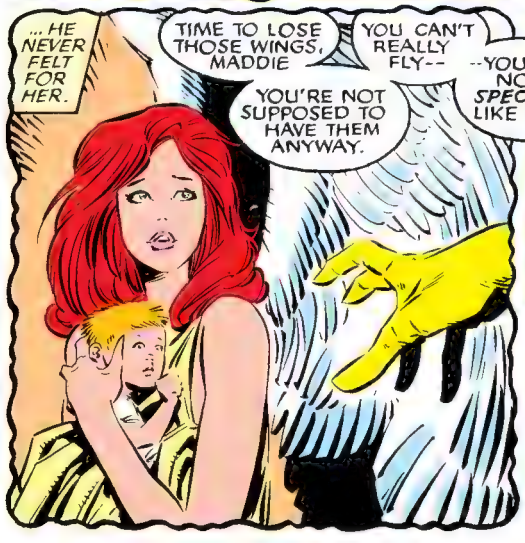
HE BLEW UP OUR HOUSE!
BEHIND ME, MADELYNE--LOOK AFTER THE BABY!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS CREEP!
ZARK!
FROM CYCLOPS'S EYES...


...FLASH OPTIC BLASTS CAPABLE OF PUNCHING A HOLE THROUGH A BATTLESHIP.
AND THEY SEEM TO DO THE TRICK.

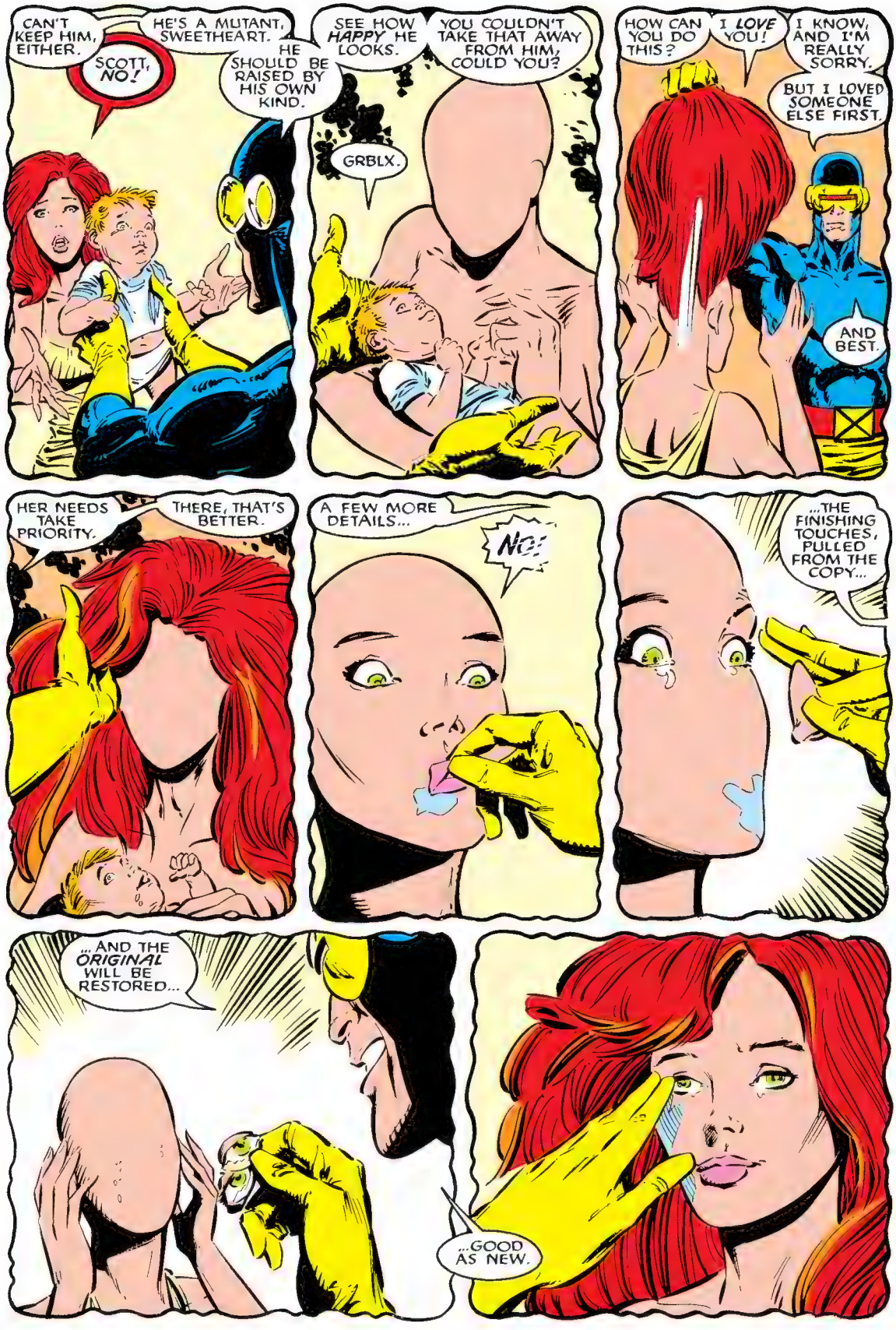
HE'S GONE--
--BUT SCOTT, RISING FROM THE ASHES--


--SOMETHING ELSE!
FORM WITHOUT FEATURE...
...LITTLE MORE THAN A MANNEQUIN...
...NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF--
--YET, TO MADELYNE'S UNCOMPREHENDING HORROR...
...WHEN THE FIGURE REACHES OUT TO SCOTT...
...IN YEARNING SUPPLICATION...


...HE RESPONDS.
GLADLY.
WITH AN EAGER, WHOLEHEARTED PASSION...


...HE NEVER FELT FOR HER.
TIME TO LOSE THOSE WINGS, MADDIE
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE THEM ANYWAY.
YOU CAN'T REALLY FLY--
--YOU'RE NOT SPECIAL LIKE US--

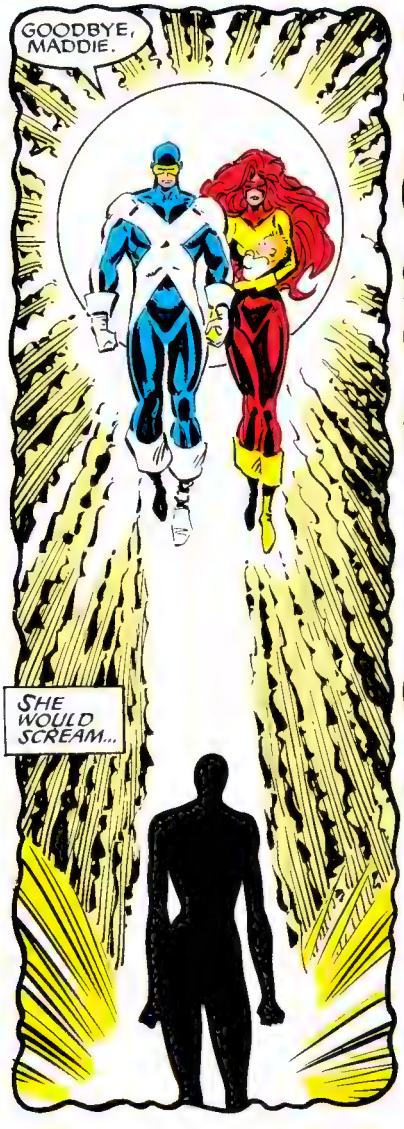
--YOU'RE ONLY HUMAN.


CAN'T KEEP HIM, EITHER.
HE'S A MUTANT, SWEETHEART.
SCOTT, NO!
HE SHOULD BE RAISED BY HIS OWN KIND.
SEE HOW HAPPY HE LOOKS.
YOU COULDN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM HIM, COULD YOU?
GRBLX.
HOW CAN YOU DO THIS?
I LOVE YOU!
I KNOW, AND I'M REALLY SORRY.
BUT I LOVED SOMEONE ELSE FIRST.
AND BEST.
HER NEEDS TAKE PRIORITY.
THERE, THAT'S BETTER.
A FEW MORE DETAILS...
NO!
...THE FINISHING TOUCHES, PULLED FROM THE COPY...
...AND THE ORIGINAL WILL BE RESTORED...
...GOOD AS NEW.

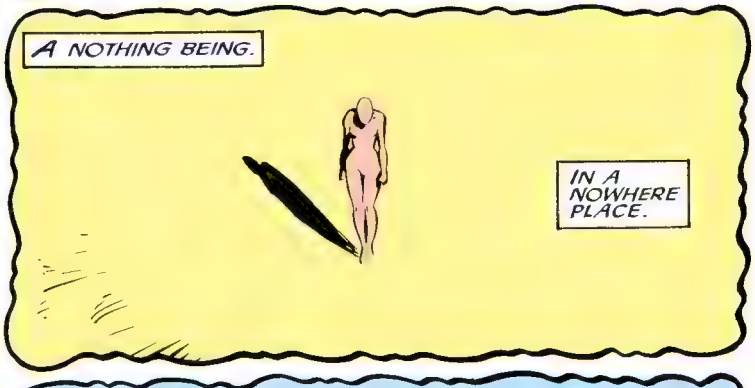
I LOVE JEAN GREY, MADDIE--
--ALWAYS HAVE, ALWAYS WILL--
--WHEN I THOUGHT SHE WAS DEAD...
...I FELT LIKE SOMEONE HAD RIPPED OUT MY HEART.

IT WAS WRONG OF ME...
...TO TURN TO YOU TO TAKE HER PLACE.

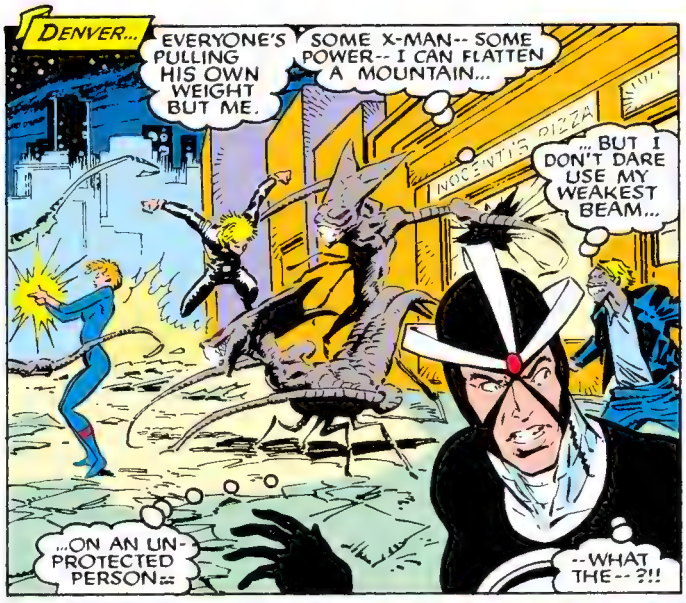
I NEVER MEANT TO HURT YOU...
...BUT ONCE I DISCOVERED JEAN WAS ALIVE...
...I HAD TO GO BACK TO HER.
I'LL NEVER LOSE HER AGAIN.


GOODBYE, MADDIE.
SHE WOULD SCREAM...

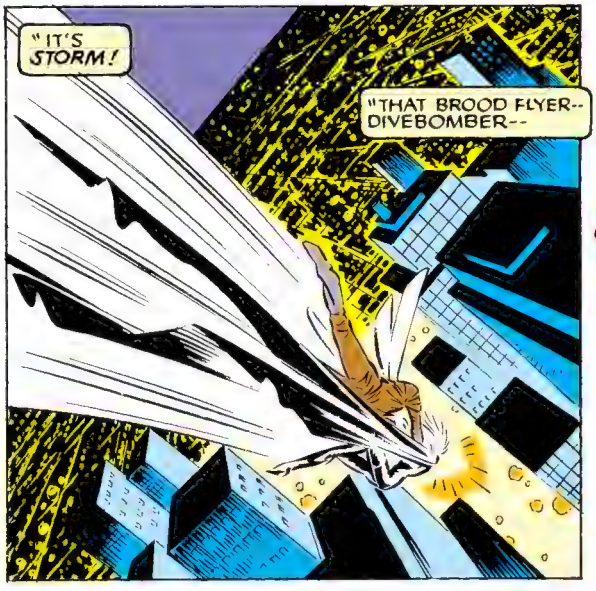
...BUT SHE HAS NO MOUTH.


A NOTHING BEING.
IN A NOWHERE PLACE.

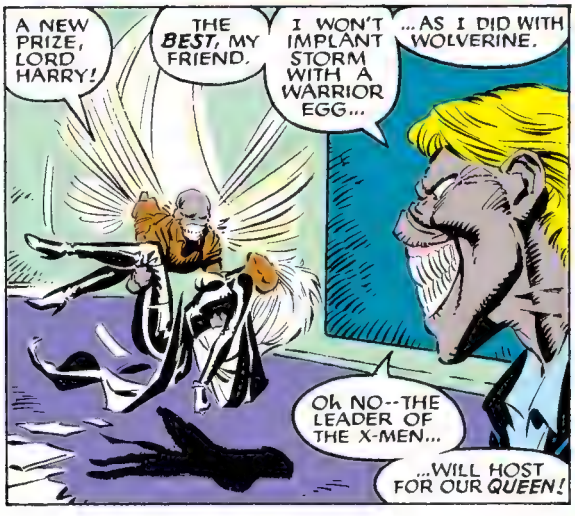
ABANDONED...
...AND ALONE.


DENVER...
EVERYONE'S PULLING HIS OWN WEIGHT BUT ME.
SOME X-MAN-- SOME POWER-- I CAN FLATTEN A MOUNTAIN...
...BUT I DON'T DARE USE MY WEAKEST BEAM...
...ON AN UN-PROTECTED PERSON...
--WHAT THE--?!!

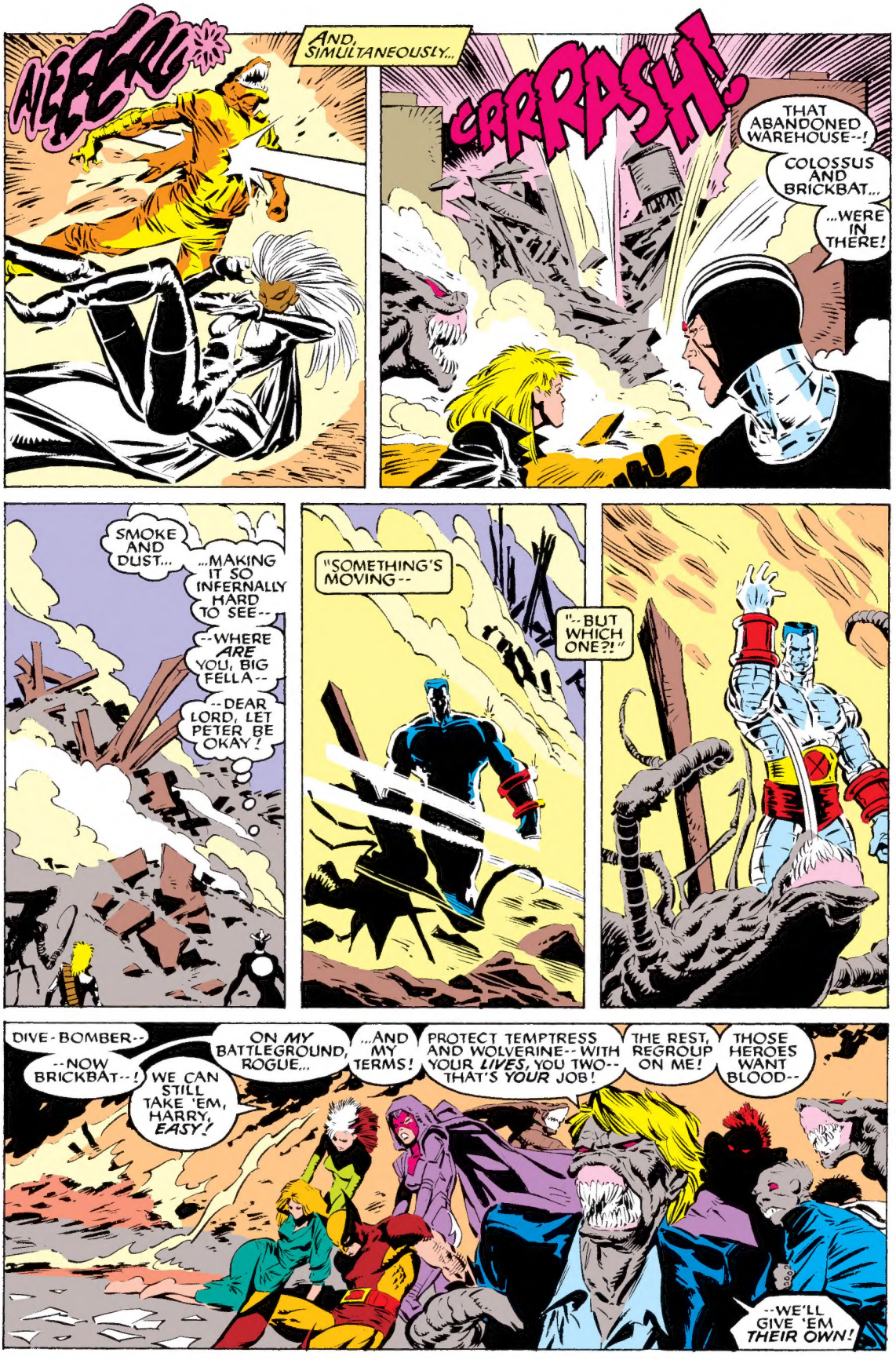
SKARA KOOM!
HOLY COW!?!

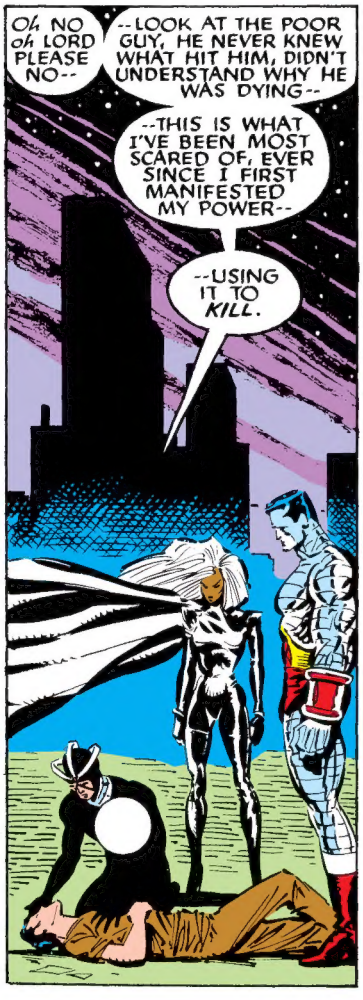

"IT'S STORM!
"THAT BROOD FLYER--DIVEBOMBER--

BTHAM!
VEREND WILLIAM CONOVER
"--HE'S GOT THE DROP ON HER!"


A NEW PRIZE, LORD HARRY!
THE BEST, MY FRIEND.
I WON'T IMPLANT STORM WITH A WARRIOR EGG...
...AS I DID WITH WOLVERINE.
Oh NO--THE LEADER OF THE X-MEN...
...WILL HOST FOR OUR QUEEN!

NO!
SHZAM!


ALEGRO
AND, SIMULTANEOUSLY...
CRRASH!
THAT ABANDONED WAREHOUSE--!
COLOSSUS AND BRICKBAT...
...WERE IN THERE!
SMOKE AND DUST...
...MAKING IT SO INFERNALLY HARD TO SEE--
--WHERE ARE YOU, BIG FELLA--
--DEAR LORD, LET PETER BE OKAY!
"SOMETHING'S MOVING--
"--BUT WHICH ONE?!"
DIVE-BOMBER--
--NOW BRICKBAT--!
WE CAN STILL TAKE 'EM, HARRY, EASY!
ON MY BATTLEGROUND, ROGUE...
...AND MY TERMS!
PROTECT TEMPTRESS AND WOLVERINE--WITH YOUR LIVES, YOU TWO--THAT'S YOUR JOB!
THE REST, REGROUP ON ME!
THOSE HEROES WANT BLOOD--
--WE'LL GIVE 'EM THEIR OWN!



IN TWO WEEKS: GLORY DAY

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To the Makers of THE X-MEN,

It's been a long time since I've written, so I will try to cover a lot of ground quickly. I definitely like the new X-Men a lot. I hope you don't have to permanently remove certain older characters, but I hope you can focus more on the new characters. Hmmm. Some of the new X-Men are "older" characters. Dazzler, for example, has been around a bit—enough to where she has probably appeared with everybody in at least one panel. But I've always liked Alison, despite the various treatments she's received over the years. I like Betsy, Psylocke, if only because the X-Men really need a telepath on the level of Professor X, or even Phoenix (Rachel or "Jean") on the team.

I think you are going to give Storm back her powers real soon now. It's been a long time and I believe you were sincere in what you expected to get out of the stories with Storm powerless, at least in the sense of her mutant powers. Certainly she has proved she is/has been quite adept at taking care of herself in bad situations. But, let's face it, Storm deserves her powers back.

The idea of Cyclops and Havok, two very different personalities, on the same team can now be taken to a delicate situation that could stretch across the two titles that the brothers appear in—X-MEN and X-FACTOR. It's better than a soap opera. Each team believes that the other has betrayed its original purpose and intent for the mutants of the world.

If I can get deadly serious here, I would like to ask that you limit the fatalities in the upcoming clash between X-Men and Marauders. Especially, in no way, are you to harm a hair on Polaris' head. Let's face it, I know how good her prospects are for a truly horrid death. She's a good guy who has suddenly gone evil. She wields an incredible power but, of course, it is the same power as that owned by Magneto. Hence, she could be considered expendable, but she is also a woman and they make the best martyrs, don't they? I think it would be far more creative, if, after her release from Malice, she connects up with X-Factor, thereby creating an ongoing connection between the two bands of mutants.

Since the Marauders will probably survive and will never want for potential victims, I think it's only natural that Quicksilver will eventually join their sick battalion. What would Quicksilver do with these new acquaintances? Maybe he can take them up to the Moon for a little visit. Hate to say it, but the Marauders seem right up old Pietro's alley.

That's right. Go and murder some of the Inhumans on the Moon, but don't kill Polaris. I guess I'm a pretty easy to please fan. Until the next time. . .

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Whether she lives or not, Alan, things certainly don't look too good for Polaris right now—or Havok, for that matter! He and Cyclops *are* destined to meet up again . . . but you'll have to wait a few more months to hear more about that! (Heh, heh!)

Dear X-Crew,

Thank you for X-MEN #221! The rematch with the Marauders was everything it should have been and more. This issue had a nice even split between characterization and action.

Marc Silvestri's artwork was excellent! His Marauders were well rendered and he made Mr. Sinister live up to his name. Among the heroes, he is adept at drawing Havok, Dazzler, and Rogue. His Longshot, however, could use a little work.

The story carries over perfectly from X-MEN #215! We finally got to see the new team in action against the Marauders. It pleased me to see Scalphunter and Sabretooth get nailed — Scalphunter wasn't even scratched during the Mutant Massacre. Wolverine showed us his leadership abilities during this issue. It's nice to see that Madelyne Pryor hasn't been consigned to comic book limbo. But where is her child? Madelyne says that Scott, a.k.a. Cyclops, took her child. Those of us who read X-FACTOR know that this isn't the case. Also, where is Magneto when the X-Men need him? He says he's part of the team but he almost never gets involved in combat situations. Why not? His powers alone could make short work of most of the Marauders. This "Dark Polaris" is an interesting idea, but I hope it's not permanent. Havok already has his doubts about joining the team. If he finds out that he has to fight his lady love, well . . . Also, where did Polaris get her power boost? In this issue, she rips an entire skyscraper out if its foundations. I have every comic book that Polaris has ever appeared in and I have never seen her to be this powerful. She might even be near Magneto's class. In this case, you really need to bring Magneto back!

A major point of this story was devoted to Dazzler's resentment of Rogue for the many times in the past that Rogue tried to kill her. Although I can sympathize with Dazzler's feelings, I was glad that the issue was quickly resolved. Dazzler seems to be under-confident. I don't understand why she's acting this way. After all, she's had lots of experience fighting foes in her own mag. Rogue got a lot of action this issue. That's good, since Rogue is my favorite X-Man now that Colossus is gone. I can understand Havok's lack of confidence, but he better shape up or ship out. Longshot's antics relieved the tension of the situation. But then, that's what he does best. One question — how could Psylocke survive what looked like a direct hit from one of Harpoon's spears? In X-MEN #221, Harpoon vaporized the victims that got hit with his spears.

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Harpoon has the ability to regulate the different kinds of energy in his "spears," Robert, and he also has limits. He needs time to "recharge". Given that, he might have been able to build up enough power to not only penetrate Psylocke's "shields", but also to kill her. Instead, he had to settle for getting by her shields — this time!

As for Madelyne's son, the answer to that should be obvious real soon. And nobody, but nobody, is going to like it!

Polaris' power boost is due to a combination of Xavier's superior training and Malice's inhuman abilities. This is Lorna Dane at her fullest potential!

Check it out, true believers! You only have to wait TWO WEEKS for the cataclysmic conclusion to the Brood storyline!! Two weeks, you say?!? That's right — mighty Marvel, always willing to please, is gonna deliver X-Men twice every joy-filled summer month!!! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Majesty? See you soon! Very, very soon!!!

And the summer is gearing up in the other mutant titles as well!

One of the New Mutants is forever changed by the machinations of the High Evolutionary in NEW MUTANTS ANNUAL #4 on sale this very week. There's also a grim development in the relationship of Magneto and his young charges that bodes ill for the future.

In the NEW MUTANTS regular title, on sale next week, the kids are drawn deeper into the mysterious Spyder's Webb as they befriend the strange alien girl called Gossamer.

In two weeks, come back here, of course, for the aforementioned Brood Conclusion — plus a very startling evolution in the life of Madelyne Pryor (and, believe us, this is only the beginning)!

In three weeks, CLASSIC X-MEN #25 reveals the behind-the-scenes manipulations of X-Factor's nemesis, Apocalypse, in the creation of one of the X-Men's nastier foes. And, in X-FACTOR #32, also on sale in three weeks, Charles Xavier's original students battle the Avengers — or do they? — even as the nefarious organization known as the Right make a contract for the lives of mutant infants. Does this involve Scott and Madelyne's son? You bet. Does this connect to Maddie's mysterious dream this issue? Of course.

That about does it — and the summer's barely begun. Wait until you see what's coming this fall . . .

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